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*Smallpox.*

During the week ended July 7, 1901, there were officially reported at Naples 175 cases of smallpox, with 26 deaths.

*Bubonic plague.*

During the past week, according to newspaper reports, official advices received at Madrid positively deny the existence of plague which was rumored to have appeared at Oporto.

It is also stated in reports from St. Petersburg that the commission charged with making regulations for the prevention of bubonic plague has declared that Constantinople is infected with the disease. A careful lookout is being kept for Turkish emigrants at the inspection at Naples.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
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JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—A case of plague in Yamanashi.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, June 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the evening of the 22d instant a case of plague was telegraphically reported to the home department in the ken of Yamanashi, directly west of Yokohama and Tokyo. Experts were immediately dispatched thither, and these have reported that the case, which was fatal, is one of genuine plague. So far it has been impossible to trace the infection or to learn of the connection of the deceased with any district hitherto infected.

With this exception no case of plague has occurred in Japan proper since the date of my last sanitary return. Formosa continues to be seriously affected by the epidemic.

A certain amount of epidemic dysentery is appearing as the season advances, but, so far, is not to be considered as gravely epidemic.

Respectfully,

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*Doubt as to the preceding case being plague.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, June 29, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that as regards the case of plague in the ken of Yamanashi, reported to you under date of June 26, there now seems to be some question as to its genuine nature; at any rate, the matter is as yet *sub judice*, and, so far, no other attack of a suspicious character has occurred in the district referred to.

No disease of a quarantinable nature is known to exist anywhere in Japan proper at present.

Respectfully,

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